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| For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING ULTRASHORT LASER PULSES |))) |
| Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22314 | • |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows: